

Wildlife Rehabilitation Protocol – Pharmaceutical Use

Facility/Rehabilitator Name: _____

This is only a recommendation of what your protocol should cover. Your facility may insert, change or delete any sections of this protocol to fit the mission of your rehabilitation facility, or submit an existent protocol in a different format. All protocols must be reviewed and approved by a consulting veterinarian.

Controlled Substances (use space below to explain your facility's procedures):

Check boxes where appropriate

Legal Requirements

- ☐ We comply with FDA regulations on the use of controlled substances in animals.
- ☐ All drugs are labeled with the following information: name and contact information of prescribing veterinarian, established name of drug, direction for use and cautionary statements if necessary.

Facility Procedures

- ☐ Only drugs, including homeopathic medications, prescribed by a veterinarian or approved in our pharmaceutical/drug protocol are used.
- ☐ Current veterinary/rehabilitation literature and research is utilized to determine the proper medication and dosage for each patient on an individual basis.
- ☐ Antibiotic use is limited to prevent environmental problems (i.e. drug resistance)
- ☐ Only trained staff/volunteers may administer medications.
- ☐ Current records are maintained in patient files including all medications administered.
- ☐ Staff signature is required on the animal's record of all administered medications.

Safety

- ☐ Disposable needles and syringes are used one time while they are sterile or they are disinfected in an autoclave.
- ☐ A Sharps container is used for all biological waste products (i.e. needles used for blood collection/euthanasia).
- ☐ Expiration dates are used to determine when to discard medications.
- ☐ Pharmaceuticals unused by expiration date are disposed of following local regulations. To avoid water contamination, medications are not dumped in sinks.

Rehabilitator Signature

Date

